

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 145 - HB 879**

February 23, 2001

### **SUMMARY OF BILL:**

- Authorizes courts that order and enforce child support obligations to suspend or modify child support based upon a finding that the supporting party has been continuously or repeatedly denied court-ordered visitation.
- Requires the order modifying child support to specify the anticipated impact on the child's best interests.
- Allows a state court to make such an order on a case that was originally from another state.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **Other Fiscal Impact - Jeopardizes federal funds of \$40,000,000**

According to the Department of Human Services, this would place the state out of compliance with federal requirements for the Child Support Program and the Families First Program. Federal funding for these two programs could be jeopardized up to a total of approximately \$40,000,000. The result would be an increase in state funding and/or a reduction in the state program to collect child support.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director